

GOVERNOR DOYLE'S TASK FORCE TO IMPROVE ACCESS TO ORAL HEALTH
MAY 13, 2005
MEETING MINUTES

Members Present: Erendira Almanza, Lori Barbeau, Bill Bazan, Stephanie Burrell, David Carroll, Blane Christman, Carl Eisenberg, Monica Hebl, Wendy MacDougall, Mark Miller, Maureen Oostdik-Hurd, Midge Pfeffer, Carrie Stempski, Graciela Villadoniga

At 12:15, after the public hearing, the meeting was called to order by Blane Christman and the roll was taken.

The minutes for the April 8 and April 15 meetings were amended and approved.

The meeting started with a discussion of several final topics of interest. The members discussed the options presented to them on a Wisconsin pilot program like the ABCD program in King County and the State of Washington.

After a discussion on how to pilot the program and how the reimbursement rate should be enhanced for participating dentists, the Task Force made two recommendations.

The Task Force Recommends:

- That the state offer funding (\$200,000 annually) for two pilot grant programs, based loosely on the Washington ABCD Kids Get Care program, across the state. The 2-year grants will include annual funding for a case manager, a community educator, and materials and supplies.

To be eligible for the grants, a project would need to:

1. Show proof of commitment from an adequate number of area dentists who agree to be providers under an enhanced Medicaid dental fee.
2. Include at least one local government entity (required to gain eligibility for federal HCFA funds) willing to provide caseworkers to do outreach.
3. Establish an oversight task force that includes at least one representative from an oral health or children's health advocate organization, local health, the dental community, and a K-12 education and/or day care provider. Meetings must occur at least quarterly.
4. Include an organization willing to develop and deliver the program training.

Pilots will be selected on ability to provide care and prevention to a wide group of children and based on the program's ability to be used as a model for other areas of the state.

- That the Department of Health and Family Services add language to the recipient handbook to educate patients on proper behavior in waiting rooms, on the importance of keeping and showing up on time for appointments.

This recommendation was later added to an existing recommendation.

The Task Force Recommends:

- That DHFS develop patient education materials and programs to encourage responsible use of health care systems for distribution or presentation to Medicaid eligible clients. Materials should include education on proper behavior in waiting rooms and on the importance of keeping and showing up on time for appointments.

The Task Force then discussed dental delegation. There were concerns raised about the procedures that could safely be delegated and about dentists delegating dental hygienist duties.

The Task Force recommends:

- That the Governor advance a proposal to expand delegation of dental duties. Wendy MacDougall and Maureen Oostdik-Hurd asked to be recorded as voting no.

The Task Force then began a discussion of dental licensure changes. They first discussed the regional testing services that are approved for licensure in Wisconsin.

The Task Force recommends:

- That current law be amended to provide that an applicant may pass an examination of either a dental testing service approved by the Board or a regional testing service recognized by other regions in the United States. This would allow an applicant for licensure to pass any of the four regional dental examinations, not just the two that are currently approved by the DEB. When a national exam is approved, passage of that exam would also allow an applicant to receive licensure in Wisconsin.

The members continued their discussion of dental licensure as it relates to foreign-trained dentists. A motion to allow Wisconsin licensure to those foreign-trained dentists who had active practices in another state for at least 48 of the last 60 months failed on a 6 to 7 vote.

Yes	No
1. Erendira Almanza	1. David Carroll
2. Lori Barbeau	2. Monica Hebl
3. Bill Bazan	3. Wendy MacDougall
4. Stephanie Burrell	4. Mark Miller
5. Carl Eisenberg	5. Maureen Oostdik Hurd
6. Graciela Villadoniga	6. Midge Pfeffer
	7. Carrie Stempski

The Task Force Recommends:

- That Wisconsin create a limited training license available to foreign-trained dentists that would allow practice in specific institutional settings, hospitals, dental schools, or in federally designated health professional shortage areas in a residency program leading to full licensure. The residency period would last a minimum of two years. There would

have to be a supervision requirement with endorsement for full licensure contingent on the supervisor attesting to competency. Licensure would also require passage of national boards, a regional or national exam (when approved) and the state's ethics and jurisprudence exam. Monica Hebl and David Carroll ask to be recorded as voting no.

The meeting was extended to discuss targeted case management and the state's ability to identify children with serious oral health needs as Children with Special Health Care Needs.

Targeted case management would provide additional services to help families gain access to and coordination of a full array of services from oral health to medical, social, and educational programs.

The members had little information on the Children with Special Health Care Needs program. Concerns were raised about our ability to change federal requirements, about how the addition of oral health would affect other special needs funding, and about how severe needs would be determined and what would happen when their oral health was restored.

The Task Force recommends:

- That the Governor urge the federal government to add oral health as a stand-alone target in targeted case management.
- That children screened in public health programs with severe oral health concerns be designated by the state as Children with Special Health Care Needs (CSHCN).

The Task Force adjourned the meeting at 3 p.m. The final meeting of the Task Force will be held on Tuesday, May 24 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. to finalize recommendations for the report.